IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: AUF DER HEIDE et al.

Group Art Unit: 1794

Application No.: 10/570,930

Examiner: M. L. Jacobson

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For:

SMOKE-PERMEABLE POLYAMIDE

BASED FOOD CASING

AMENDMENT SUBMITTED UNDER 37 C.F.R.§ 1.114

Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Charlotte, North Carolina April 27, 2009

Dear Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated April 20, 2009 associated with the Final Office Action dated December 5, 2008, please enter the following Amendment and accompanying Request for Continued Examination in the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on Page 5 of this paper.